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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 January 2011.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-23 and 25-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-23 and 25-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-945)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-9, 11-23, and 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gatto et al., USPN 6,916,247, in view of Urie et al., USPN 2003/0017871.

With regard to claims 1 and 15, Gatto discloses a method for providing an authorization service (CA) in a gaming network including gaming machines (column 2 lines 46-61), the method including publishing the availability of the authorization service on the gaming network, sending service information for a gaming service to a discovery agent (Authentication agent 834) on the gaming network (column 10 lines 9-13), receiving by the authorization service (CA) from the discovery agent a request to authorize the gaming agent (column 10 lines 55-58), providing an authorization response to the discovery agent (column 10 lines 58-82), in response to determining by the discovery agent using the authorization response that the gaming device is authentic and authorized (column 10 lines 58-60), publishing by the discovery agent service information to a service repository to make the gaming service available on the gaming network (column 10 lines 58-62), discovering by the gaming service the availability of the authorization service, and processing one or more service requests

between the gaming service and the authorization service (column 10 lines 55-62), said service requests conforming to an internetworking protocol (column 3 lines 20-28).

Gatto discloses the gaming service can be a backend accounting or analysis system (column 10 lines 49-54). Gatto does not disclose having a firewall between the gaming service and the gaming machines/discovery agent. Urie discloses a gaming network with gaming devices, authentication servers, and backend accounting systems (Fig 1). Urie further discloses that it would be beneficial to place a firewall between the accounting and analysis system and the gaming machines/authentication server (Fig 1) to protect the system from unauthorized access (0022). It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to implement the firewall of Urie in the gaming system of Gatto for the stated motivation of added security.

With regard to claims 2-6 and 16-20, Gatto in view of Urie discloses the method of claim 1, as outlined above, and Gatto further discloses the authorization service is a web service where service requests are WSDL formatted and UDDI registries are utilized (column 15 lines 33-56).

With regard to claims 7-9, 11, 12, 21-23, 25, and 26, Gatto in view of Urie discloses the method of claim 1, as outlined above, and Gatto further discloses the authorization service can be local (column 10 lines 55-58).

With regard to claims 13 and 27 Gatto in view of Urie discloses the method of claim 1, as outlined above, and Gatto further discloses the authorization service returning results (column 10 lines 55-59).

With regard to claims 14 and 28, Gatto in view of Urie discloses the method of claim 1, as outlined above, and Gatto further discloses returning an access list for a set of client credentials submitted (identification presented) to the authorization service (column 10 lines 55-62).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JACOB LIPMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-3837. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Fr.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on 571-272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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